

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004 the Examiner noted that claims 49-55 and 57-94 were pending, allowed claims 49-55, 58-62, 65-79, 81-86 and 88-94, and rejected claims 57, 63, 64, 80 and 87. Claims 57, 63, 64, 80 and 87 have been amended, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 49-55 and 57-94 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 57, 63, 64, 80 and 87 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

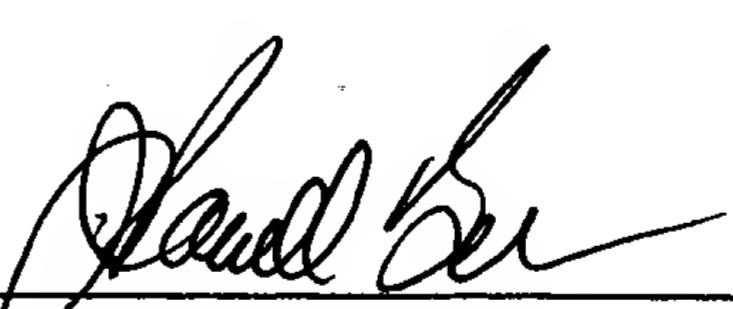
It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. It is also submitted that claims 49-55, 58-62, 65-79, 81-86 and 88-94 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

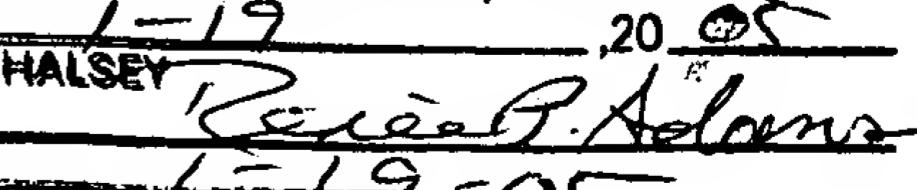
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